

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

APPLICANT: Townsend Engineering Company
INVENTORS: Jos Kobussen, Jaap Kobussen, Mart Kobussen &
Vincent Louis Basile II
SERIAL NO: 08/960,983
FILED: October 30, 1997
TITLE: METHOD AND MEANS FOR MAKING COEXTRUDED SAUSAGE
STRANDS

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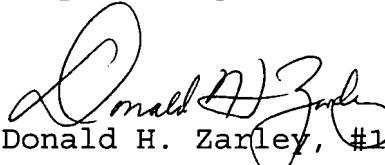
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as shown in my files to be the papers filed in respect to the above identified application and have compared them to the papers attached to the declaration of Jos Kobussen, Jaap Kobussen, Mart Kobussen and Vincent Louis Basile II for METHOD AND MEANS FOR MAKING COEXTRUDED SAUSAGE STRANDS which accompanies this statement and I declare that these papers attached to the

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Respectfully submitted,

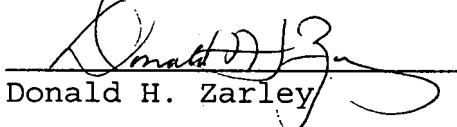


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